

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Youth Development Partnerships (YDP) – (\$1,500,000 grant)

Santa Clara's YDP project integrates and expands three existing mental health service mechanisms within the county. This comprehensive program brings together strategies to provide a continuum of care from detention to aftercare service for hundreds of youth and their families, incorporating cultural competency into all aspects of the project.

First, a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) within the Juvenile Hall will be expanded to provide coordination of specialized developmental and behavioral assessment services to 50 youth, health benefit enrollment services to approximately 200 youth, linkage, monitoring and management of cases referred to aftercare mental health services for 144 youth, and Health Realization education for 284 youth and their parents. The MDT members include: a Clinical Mental Health Coordinator, Mental Health Therapist, Child Psychiatrist, custody care staff, medical clinic staff, school staff, Probation Officer, Public Defender, and CBO representatives. Additional clinical staff will be added to the team as well as a Program Manager to coordinate, train and monitor treatment contracts.

Second, Santa Clara's juvenile mental health court, CITA (Court for Individualized Treatment of Adolescents), will expand treatment services and benefits to all juvenile courts through the addition of two (2) Mental Health Clinicians whose duties include screening and assessment of mental health court clients, providing on-site clinical consultation and recommendations, and linking youth and their families to aftercare services. This expansion will serve 80 youth during the grant period.

Third, the YDP project will augment its aftercare service programs with Brief Strategic Family Therapy (providing strategies and tools for reducing risk factors among youth and their families) and Aggression Replacement Training- both of which will address co-occurring conditions. Additionally, detention staff and service providers will be provided with Motivational Interviewing training as well as Health Realization education.

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